

REMARKS

Claims 1, 18 and 44 are pending in this application. By the above amendment, claims 26-43, 45 and 46 have been cancelled.

The final Office Action dated April 6, 2005, indicated that claims 1, 18 and 44 were allowed. By the above amendment, all rejected claims have been cancelled, leaving only allowed claims. With the entry of this amendment, it is believed that claims 1, 18 and 44 are now in condition for allowance. Wherefore, the allowance of these claims is earnestly solicited.

CONCLUSION

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Scott Wakeman (Reg. No. 37,750) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.


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